

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH,

February 10th, 1908.

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ASHBY WOULDS.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report upon the Sauitary state of your District for the year 1907.

Tables of death, new cases of infectious disease and vital statistics are appended, with tables of Inspector's work during the year.

The Vital statistics are calculated per 1,000 persons living.

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Population. The estimated population for the past year is 3198.

Births. The Births registered number 72, giving a Birth-rate of 21:2.

Deaths. The Deaths at all ages and from all causes number 38, giving a general Death-rate of 11.8.

Infantile The Deaths under one year number 4, giving an Infantile Mortality rate of 55.

Zymotic 2 deaths were caused by Infectious diseases, giving a Zymotic death-rate of 0.6.

Typhoi l Death-rate. I death was caused by Diarrhoa, giving a Typhoid death-rate of 0.3.

Phthisis
Death-rate.

3 deaths were caused by Phthisis, giving a death-rate of 0.9.

Cancer Death-rate. 3 deaths were due to Cancer, giving a death rate of 0.9.

The deaths from Infectious disease were caused by Whooping Cough 1, Diphtheria 1. One death was also due to Influenza.

Bronchitis and Pneumonia caused 9 deaths, giving a Respiratory disease death-rate of 2.8

The Infantile mortality rate is very satisfactory. It has not been so low since 1893, though it has been decreasing since 1903. The wet summer of last year preventing the contamination of milk by dust has no doubt a good deal to do with it.

All the other rates are satisfactory, except the birth-rate which is still decreasing.

Infectious Disease. There were only 9 cases notified—5 Scarlet Fever, 1 Diphtheria, and 3 Erysipelas. 2 cases of Scarlet Fever were removed to the Isolation Hospital at Moira. The other cases were isolated at home. All infected houses are disinfected by your Sanitary Inspector.

Sewerage.

Sewer outfall Donisthorpe Lane:—Structural defects—leak preventing proper rotation of sprinkler arms. One septic tank, one filter bed with rotating sprinkler and one storm water filter bed in Albert Village—not sufficient to deal with quantity of Sewage. Another sprinkler is required and filter bed. Your Council are about to remedy this requirement.

AlbertVillage Outfall. 2 precipitating tanks, one filter bed with rotating sprinkler and one storm water filter bed (where surplus overflow in heavy rain is dealt with) the effluent from filter beds is satisfactory and is turned into the stream which enters Barratt Pool, this stream runs out of Barratt Pool, passing the Donisthorpe filter beds to join the Mease.

Newfields. Old Row—tank with effluent in ditch which reaches a stream which runs into the brook passing the Donisthorpe filter beds.

New Row—into settling tank, effluent on waste land.

Stone Row—both sides of road to tank on Donisthorpe side (under Canal) of Canal, overflow irrigated on land.

The drainage from six cottages, also Stone Row and School, used to run into open ditch alongside the Allotments, but is now piped to settling tank, 2 chambers, in the Allotments, the effluent being distributed over cultivated land.

There is a proposition to take this Sewage inio tank dealing with the Stone Row Sewage, but there is a risk from loading this settling tank and so causing pollution of Brook.

All this section could be dealt with at the Donisthorpe Lane outfall by gravitation to it.

Slaughterhouses. 3 in use. Closet of No. 2 has been repaired but not converted into W.C. The slaughter-house and piggery Sewage is piped to the Main drain and dealt with at the Albert Village outfall works. The other two slaughter-houses are also connected with the Main drain. The catch-pits are regularly cleaned out.

Seavenging.

The accumulations at the back of Stone Row are now being cleared away. This will enable the Scavenging to be properly carried out, but the work is still unsatisfactorily performed, and I should advise a change of Contractor.

Water Supply.

3 new houses in Occupation Lane and the New Schools have been newly connected to the Main Water Supply. Occupation Lane New Schools closets flushed by earetaker from Main Water Supply.

Scavenging.

686 privy middens and 336 ash vaults are cleaned by the Contractor.

Factory and Workshops Act. Dairies and Cowsheds.

These have been found satisfactory on inspec-

Bakehouses.

There are only 2 bakehouses, these are satisfactory. They are not underground.

Factories.

No infringements of this Act so far as this Council's authority over them is concerned have been found in the Factories in this district.

Disinfection.

One house infected with Phthisis has been disinfected by your Inspector, and all houses infected with the usual notifiable diseases are so disinfected.

In conclusion, I beg to advise the treatment of the Stone Row Sewage at the Donisthorpe Lane Outfall Works at as early a date as possible. The Scavenging still requires an excessive amount of supervision and I would suggest that a change be made without delay to secure the regular and efficient performance of this work.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
RODERIC LOGAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

